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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4810  
INFO USDA WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 10210

FROM ACTING AGATT FOR USDA PASS FAS G&F DIV (FCA & FMD)  
AA (RANSOM) FOR JOHN; AND OGSM

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, IN  
SUBJECT: REPAYMENT OF USSR WHEAT LOAN

REF: (A) MOSCOW 10250, (B) NEW DELHI 7926 (C) NEW DELHI 7596  
(D) FASTO 84

1. EMBASSY ABLE TO CONFIRM SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2 REF A REGARD-  
ING REPAYMENT OF USSR WHEAT LOAN, I.E., THAT SOVIETS HAVE  
AGREED TO REPAYMENT IN KIND. WASHINGTON SHOULD BE AWARE,  
HOWEVER, THAT 400,000 METRIC TONS ALREADY REDEEMED WERE RE-  
PAID IN NON-FOOD, REPEAT NON-FOOD COMMODITIES. BALANCE OF  
1.6 MILLION TONS THE BASIS FOR CURRENT REPAYMENT DISCUS-  
SIONS, THE MAJOR FOCUS OF WHICH CONCERNS THE MIX OF IM-  
PORTED HARD WHEATS AND SOFT LOCAL VARIETIES THAT WILL CON-  
STITUTE FINAL REPAYMENT. CURRENT THINKING IS 1.0-1.3 MILLION  
TONS OF HARD IMPORTED WHEATS AND 300,000 TONS OF INDIAN SOFT  
WHEATS.

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2. APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF U.S. FY 1977  
EXPORT RESTRICTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MAY 1976 P.L. 480  
AGREEMENT AND HAVE AGAIN THIS WEEK ASSURED EMBASSY THAT GOI  
HAS NO INTENTION TO EFFECT SHIPMENTS BEFORE 1 OCTOBER. HOW-  
EVER, WITH APPROXIMATELY 22-23 MILLION TONS IN STORAGE (OF  
WHICH SOME 9-10 MILLION ARE UNDER OPEN AIR CAP STORAGE)

CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE EXISTS TO UNDERTAKE ALL RELIEF MEASURES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE DEVELOPMENTS. GOI HAS BEEN INFORMED THEY ARE UNDER NO LEGAL RESTRICTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOODGRAIN EXPORTS AS OF 1 OCTOBER, BUT THAT SOME ADVERSE REACTION IS POSSIBLE AND THAT EXPORTED U.S. WHEAT COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. WASHINGTON REACTION SHOULD INCLUDE THE UNANTICIPATED, BUT NOT UNIMAGINABLE, POSSIBILITY OF AN OFFICIAL GOI REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF THE SEPTEMBER 30 DEAD-LINE.

4. FOR JOHNSON (FAS/USDA): IF POSSIBLE RETURNING AGATT SHOULD INCLUDE SUBJECT AMONG PRE DEPARTURE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT MESSAGE CONVEYED IN REQUESTED RESPONSE. GOHEEN

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